

DRAMA



Drama is an ever popular GCSE subject for students at Uxbridge High School, due to the invaluable life skills it allows students to develop and the strong record of outstanding achievement. We follow the Pearson course which advances students' creative thinking, communication, problem solving and presentation skills as well as developing their confidence. We are based in the state-of-the-art Orsino building. This subject is offered as a GCSE (9 -1).

'Over the past ten years, the number of students across the country taking GCSE drama has more than doubled. This has been largely due to students realizing the opportunities drama offers them to develop key life skills which employers respect on job applications as well as the creative freedom it gives students to explore key themes and ideas. Drama develops them as confident people' - Arts Council for England

Component 1 40%	Component 2 20%	Component 3 40%
Content: Devising - Create and develop a devised piece of drama from a stimulus. - Performance of this devised piece. - Analyse and evaluate the devising process and performance. (Performer or designer routes available.)	Content: Performance from text Students will either perform in and/or design for two key extracts from a performance text. (Performer or designer routes available.)	Content: Theatre makers in practice - Practical exploration and study of one complete performance text (Unseen extract in exam). - Live theatre evaluation.
Assessment: Internal - Performance - Portfolio (up to 2000 words)	Assessment: External - Performance	Assessment: External - Written examination

What requirements are there to take drama?

Enthusiasm for the subject is a must, as is good attendance. Every lesson you will be working towards performances and assessments, which are mostly in groups. If your attendance is not good then not only will you jeopardise your own mark, but also the marks of others. You will need to ensure that you are committed to the subject as there will be some occasions when you may need to do extra rehearsals.

What is the point of taking drama if I don't want to be an actor?

If you are interested in theatre, TV or film, either on stage or off, then GCSE drama is a must as you will learn about all the different elements of the industry. If you don't want to be an actor or you know you are not a very confident person, then drama is still an excellent choice. Your confidence will increase and you will learn many other life skills such as team work, presentation skills, creative thinking, evaluation techniques and problem solving, which will be useful in any job. This is an exciting, enjoyable and hugely rewarding course which develops both creative and personal skills.

Theatre Trips

As part of the course you are required to watch a live piece of theatre to evaluate. This is a very exciting opportunity for students to visit the West End and watch specialised actors, technicians and directors working at the highest level in the profession. Below are some of the theatre shows we have taken our GCSE students to watch over the last few years.

If you have any questions, please see Miss Moore, Drama Curriculum Leader.

